

PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session & Special Meeting
May 23, 2011

5:20 PM – Work Session

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Georgia Hanigan, Les Cochran, Lee Nelson, Ivan Mussell and Mark Heleker
Members Absent: Kathy Dodson
Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator; Jennifer Kelley, Human Resources; Doug Argo, City Engineer; and Becky Lynch, Utility Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

None Heard.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. PMDC- Scott Masingill:** Scott Masingill, President of the PMDC, went before the Council with a presentation featuring Scotch Pines Golf Course. He gave a detailed history of the course and informed the Council of some struggles they are having. The two main struggles Mr. Masingill stressed were the need of golfers and also the need of people to promote and support the golf course. Councilor Heleker stated that there are people from many different counties who play at the golf course; Scotch Pines has brought many visitors to Payette alone. The course will be having their first annual Founder's Day golf event on October 1st, 2011. This is their 50th Anniversary and they would like to have as many people there as possible. Councilor Cochran suggested to Mr. Masingill that he should go to the Chamber of Commerce to help promote Scotch Pines, they are developing a new program they are excited about and should be willing to help with the promotion of the golf course. Mayor Williams also informed Mr. Masingill that the city would be happy to help as long as it doesn't interfere with other projects; the golf course makes Payette, Payette.
- B. Child Care Ordinance:** Clerk Cordova started the discussion that the child care draft ordinance was brought before the Public Safety Commission. The State is coming down on childcare providers having background checks, licensing, basically criteria they need to meet before they can be issued a license. Our code currently states that anyone can have a child care facility, six kids and under, but they are not required to meet the State licensing requirements. This childcare draft ordinance is telling any childcare provider, at any level, that they must get a State license before issuing them a City license. Mayor Williams stated that there is a loop hole in our code presently that people could get through. Clerk Cordova went on to say that this ordinance could make all childcare providers in the City be required to meet the comprehensive State licensing requirements and regulations. Rather than having these regulations directly in our code while also being responsible for the enforcement of these regulations, we would require the childcare provider to have a State permit, and then the State would enforce these regulations. Councilor Mussel asked Clerk Cordova what is going to happen with the current childcare providers, are they grandfathered in? Clerk Cordova replied that the current providers who have six children and under are not required to get a yearly license unless there is a complaint in which case they would have to get a conditional use permit. Those childcare providers with six kids and over already have to meet the State licensing requirements. This new ordinance would apply to any new childcare providers regardless of how many children. Mayor Williams asked Clerk Cordova who in our

organization deals with this now. Clerk Cordova replied that the Planning and Zoning commission issues the conditional use permits and the fire department does the fire inspections prior to issuing the childcare licenses. Mayor asked the City Council if they would like to see this draft ordinance follow through, and the general consensus was yes.

- C. Poultry Ordinance:** Councilor Hanigan said that they discussed poultry in the Public Safety meeting and the recommendation from the commission was to have a limit of five or six poultry in the City while also not allowing roosters for the noise factor. The general consensus of that meeting was that it didn't matter if poultry was in an A or B zoning, but someone had mentioned that there is a portion that contradicts in code which would need to be taken out. Mayor Williams suggested that they bring forth this ordinance at a later time.
- D. Proposed Gas & Oil Drilling Ordinance:** Clerk Cordova stated that we have a lot of activity around the County and now in the City limits. We haven't had any drilling yet but they have been offering lease agreements to many different people including the City of Payette for a property that we own. What we need to ask ourselves is what do we want in our backyard, and what is important to our citizens? Councilor Heleker stated that what is important to him is aquifer integrity, which agreeably to Clerk Cordova is very important. Clerk Cordova went on to state; what are the setbacks, how close is too close to a residence, what kind of parameters do we want to set on that? Items such as visual impacts and aesthetics, noise impact, the exhaust, compliance with environmental regulations. This is the starting point, it is here and we need some regulations set in place. Councilor Nelson asked if the drillers were to approach a private citizen to drill, would that be allowed to happen. Mayor Williams stated that yes, right now it would be allowed. The approach is the lease amount that you get up front, and if it is a producing well you will get 1/8th of the revenue. People may not think of the impact the drilling has on the City. We need to think of how we are to protect our citizens and our water source. Clerk Cordova urged the City Council to read through Colorado's ordinance, which was provided to the council from the City of New Plymouth. Mayor Williams wants this issue to go before the Public Works Committee because this is urgent enough to get them involved.
- E. Payette Skateboard Park Proposal- Kim Bruce:** Kim Bruce, citizen of Payette, came before the City Council to give a proposal for replacement and/or expansion of the Payette Skate Park. She explained that the need of this came up because she has two boys growing up who skateboard, ride bikes, and scooters. On their way to Portland they made stops at different skate board parks, and they realized how great the different skateboard parks were and would like to see the same greatness here in the City of Payette. Kim went on to say that we should have a more concrete structure to keep from deteriorating as quickly as the one we have now. The surface area of concrete slab is not enough for the amount of kids that skate at our skate park, kids ride over top of each other because of the small space as well as the ramps being too close. A Tony Hawk grant booklet was mailed to the City and then given to Kim Bruce to help the community get more involved in improving the skate park. Clerk Cordova informed the council that the grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation will not consider you unless there is community support. Inside of this booklet are statistics and guides to help with getting grants for the community skate park started. Kim went on to explain facts of what is needed according to our size of community as well as why this would be important to replace or expand the skate park. She stated, for the kids who can't afford or get into sports, this would be an inexpensive sport and activity for them to be involved in. Kim is looking for insight on what is the next step to get this proposal started from the City Council. Councilor Heleker mentioned that when the skate park was first put in we had a handful of kids

in here at the meeting saying they were going to help pick it up and keep the skate park maintained. For the first few months they did a great job of maintaining the skate park but now the City workers are the ones who take care of it now. Councilor Heleker stressed that there needs to be some organization ideas for enforcing the upkeep of the skate park. In response, Kim said that when the design of the new park is made, it should be made to make it easy for the youth to maintain as well as having community clean up days the youth are in charge of. With that, she stressed as well that the youth are the ones who need to design the park. Kim thinks the location is a great location but she just wanted to know if the Council is receptive to this idea of rebuilding or expanding the skate park. There are no plans yet, but these items are just the building blocks for a new park to be developed. Mayor Williams suggested that she needs to build a team, find out costs, the time that will be involved, and then bring those plans to our City staff to further the process.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Williams wanted to give his appreciation to the school for the memorial service held for Harmon Killebrew and also the City Police department with traffic control and assistance; it was a really nice service. Councilor Heleker also wanted to thank the City Police department as well for help with parking cars and doing things that could have been a nightmare without them. Mayor Williams's next item he brought up for discussion is at the last work session meeting the Council had discussed having the work session meeting right before the Council meeting all on the same day. Councilor Nelson informed the council it would be beneficial for him to free up a Monday in case he needed to leave town he could do it on a Monday instead of a Tuesday. He also pointed out that the Council has been committing a lot more time than they used to with work sessions, which is fine and is useful, but having both meetings together would be more convenient. Councilor Mussel agrees that it would be more convenient for him as well because he travels to these meetings. Mayor Williams stated that he likes to have things brought before the Council so he has time to think about it before they all have to make a decision. Councilor Hanigan also agrees with what Mayor Williams stated, she likes to have the time to think of what decision to make for items brought before the Council, but she does like the idea of the occasional Monday for special meetings as well. Councilor Heleker has School board meetings on the second Monday of the month and it would be tough to have everything together then needing to make a decision on it an hour later. He does see how it would be more convenience for Councilor Nelson in case he needed to leave town, and also the same convenience for Councilor Mussel since he is coming into town from a job in another city. Mayor Williams asked the council when they would like to start having the meetings pushed together and the general consensus of the council was to start in June. Mark Heleker wanted to commend the Street department for having the banners up so quickly for the people coming in for the Harmon Killebrew memorial to see them.

MAYOR'S INFORMATIONAL POINTS TO THE COUNCIL

None Heard

The work session ended at 6:39 PM

Immediately Following Work Session – Special City Council Meeting

A special meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 6:39 PM by Mayor Williams in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Williams, Les Cochran, Mark Heleker, Ivan Mussel, Georgia Hanigan, Lee Nelson

Members Absent: Kathy Dodson

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Clerk; Jennifer Kelley, Human Resources; Doug Argo, City Engineer; Becky Lynch, Utility Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Permit-Payette School District-Picnic in the Park

A motion was made by Councilor Mussel and seconded by Councilor Cochran to approve the special event permit for the Payette School District, Picnic in the Park and waive the fees.

After a unanimous affirmative voice vote, the motion
CARRIED

Change Order #2-Kepha Construction-Library Expansion

A motion was made by Councilor Heleker and seconded by Councilor Mussel to approve change order #2 to Kepha Construction for the Library Expansion Project in the amount of \$1,783.86.

After a unanimous affirmative voice vote, the motion
CARRIED

Change Order #6-Kepha Construction-Fire Station

A motion was made by Councilor Heleker and seconded by Councilor Hanigan to approve change order #6 to Kepha Construction for the Fire Station in the amount of \$73,922.19

After a unanimous affirmative voice vote, the motion
CARRIED

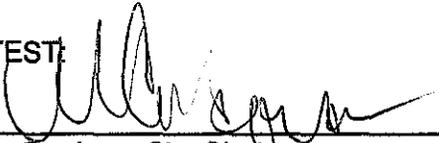
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded by Mussel to adjourn at 6:52 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Signed this 13 day of June, 2011.


Jeff Williams, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Mary Cordova, City Clerk